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EYES ONLY FOR DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY RICHARD MOOSE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: TIMING OF TRANSFER

1. THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE, JUST RECEIVED. THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 4-5 WOULD BE FINE WITH ME. IN ORDER TO HAVE SOME TIME FOR VARIOUS CHORES, I MIGHT PLAN TO TRAVEL HOME ON THURSDAY, JUNE 2, GIVING ME FRIDAY TO GET MY FEET ON THE GROUND, AND RETURN EITHER JUNE 6 OR 7 DEPENDING ON HOW THINGS GO.

2. TWO TECHNICAL POINTS ARE THAT THE DEPARTMENT USUALLY MUST AUTHORIZE DCM TO LEAVE POST WITH SOMEONE ELSE IN CHARGE (IN THIS CASE POLITICAL COUNSELOR PAUL CANNEY), AND EUR/EX MUST AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. COULD SOMEONE IN YOUR OFFICE TAKE CARE OF THESE? (UNLESS YOU SAY OTHERWISE, I ASSUME THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO TALK ABOUT MY TRIP HOME WITH ANYONE INTERESTED.) I IMAGINE A WEE CABLE AUTHORIZING ME TO TRAVEL WOULD DO THE TRICK.

3. YOUR OFFER TO STAY WITH YOU WAS VERY KIND, BUT IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CLEARED AT HOME SINCE YOU MAILED IT FROM LONDON. I WAS THINKING OF ASKING DAVE ANDERSON IF HE HAD A SPARE
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COT. IF I COME ON THURSDAY, THAT WOULD BE TOO LONG A STAY TO IMPOSE ON YOU, OR DAVID, SO PERHAPS YOU COULD MAKE A CHEAP HOTEL RESERVATION SOMEWHERE FOR ME.

4. RE NEW AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL, RON WOODS CALLED TO SAY ARRIVAL WOULD PROBABLY BE LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. I TOLD RON THIS GAVE ME NO PERSONAL PROBLEMS, AND THAT I

WOULD PROBABLY BE COMING HOME TO DISCUSS MY TIMING WITH YOU. (LET ME MAKE CLEAR, DICK, THAT MY NODIS CABLE ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW AMBASSADOR (STOCKHOLM 2191) HAD BEEN WORKING AROUND IN MY MIND FOR SOME TIME, AND IS NOT CONTINGENT UPON ANYTHING YOU OR RON HAS TOLD ME. I DO NOT THINK IT CRUCIAL THAT MINOTT GET HERE RIGHT AWAY, BUT I DO BELIEVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS VERY MUCH IN THE US INTEREST.) AS FOR OUR OWN PERSONAL TIMING, WE ARE FAIRLY LOOSE, AND CAN DISCUSS THIS WHEN WE MEET.

5. KINDLY DROP ME EITHER A CABLE OR A QUICK CALL TO SAY IF MY PLANS MEET YOUR APPROVAL, AND IF SO I WILL HOPE TO SEE YOU JUNE 3 OR 4. REGARDS.
PERRY

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